

## LOCAL

Fenner Hayes left this week for a visit at the home of his sister in Iowa.

Francis Shaefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaefer has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Miss Alice Seovel left last week for the M. A. C. where she will take a course in Home Economics.

Mrs. James Raymond suffered a bad fall last week, as a result of which she gets about with the aid of crutches.

Will Nelson of Lawton has purchased the Jesse Barton property east of town, and will make his home there.

The Union service Sunday evening will be in the Disciple Church and the minister supplying the Baptist church will preach.

Miss Thelma Thayer who is attending Business College in Detroit, is spending the week at home with her parents.

Col. A. D. Rood who resides at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids came Friday for a visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ned Harrison.

Fred Seabury had the misfortune, while visiting at the G. S. Seovel home to break the wrist of his right arm while cranking Mr. Seovel's Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond are storing their furniture for the winter and will spend the cold months at the home of their daughter who resides in Peoria, Illinois.

H. R. McDonald and family of Grand Rapids motored to Paw Paw the first of this week and are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elvira Morrison.

Clair Doren has been very ill on a hospital ship with influenza, but word comes to his wife here this week, that he is much improved and now on the road to recovery.

The War Exhibit Train arrived in Paw Paw last Wednesday evening on schedule time at 6:30. From that time until late in the evening there was a constant stream of people passing rapidly through the exhibits. The train was in charge of a squad of sailors and soldiers, who quickly lined up the crowds and kept them moving through the exhibit so that all might have an opportunity to get a glimpse of the trophies. The huge shells, and war implements of every description brought the war just a little closer home, and with it a realization of the duty that confronts the folks back home. The job at hand right now, is to put the Fourth Liberty Loan "Over the Top", and back up the boys in the trenches. A failure in this loan, would be a body blow to the American heroes at the front, and a corresponding aid and comfort to the enemy. It was announced that the War Exhibit Train would be accompanied by a speaker, but no speaker had been sent, which was a disappointment to the immense throng that gathered from far and near.

On October 19th, the Civil Service Commission will, at the request of Congressman Hamilton, conduct a preliminary examination of all applicants for admission to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, at the Post Office in each of the following places: Allegan, Hastings, Niles, Paw Paw, Benton Harbor and Three Rivers. The subjects of the examination are algebra, geometry and grammar, for which three hours are allowed, and, after an intermission of one hour, geography, United States history and arithmetic, for which three hours are allowed. Mr. Hamilton will nominate two candidates for admission to the Naval Academy; Under the rules, he will also nominate a first, second and third alternate for each principal nominated for Annapolis. These alternates will be nominated by Mr. Hamilton in the order of their standing at the preliminary examination, and, as alternates, they will be entitled to appointment in their order in case of failure of the principal and preceding alternates to pass the Academy examinations. Applicants for admission to the Naval Academy must be over sixteen and under twenty years of age on the date of admission to the Academy. Young men desiring to enter the preliminary examination should immediately send their full names and addresses and their exact ages to Hon. E. L. Hamilton, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. so that their names can be submitted to the Civil Service Commission in time for admission to the preliminary examination. These preliminary examinations are pursuant to a policy which has been followed by Mr. Hamilton from the beginning of his service to enable him to make appointments with absolute fairness to all young men desiring to enter the Military and Naval Academies.

Harland Waters is on the sick list this week.

Will Pike is reported quite ill at this writing.

Eugene Cooley is on the sick list and under the care of a doctor.

Arthur Miller has been on the sick list for the past week or more.

Frank Miller has been in Lansing and Detroit on business this week.

O. X. Peterson of the Canadian Army spent a few days the first of this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Decker.

Miss Ola Killefer will go to France as a Red Cross nurse, and will probably sail as soon as passports can be secured.

County Clerk Royal Decker went to Benton Harbor on Wednesday to take the baths. He is suffering with a severe cold.

Gaylord George came from the Great Lakes Training station the first of the week to spend a few hours with relatives and friends.

The 48th, annual meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural Society will be held in the city of Detroit on December 19 to 13 inclusive. It is confidently expected that this will be the most important ever held by this society.

Lieut. Mufray Boess who has been home on a ten days furlough, received word Tuesday to report at once for Over Seas duty. Lieut. Boess is in the Aviation Corps and was stationed at one of the camps in Texas.

Miss Christine Carr accompanied little Miss Eileen Racette to Muskegon where she will stay with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Poole during the absence of her mother, who is nursing at the Base hospital at Camp Custer.

Commencing October 9th, there was a change in schedule time on the Fruit Belt of the east bound afternoon train. This train now leaves Hartford at 3:00 P. M., arrives at Paw Paw at 3:35, and leaves for Kalamazoo at 3:40, just ten minutes earlier than heretofore.

There will be a contest of Four Minute Speeches between the pupils of the Steeple school and Richmond school, held at the Richmond school house, Friday evening, October 11th, at 8:00 o'clock. An interesting program of recitations, speeches and music has been prepared. Every one is invited to be present.

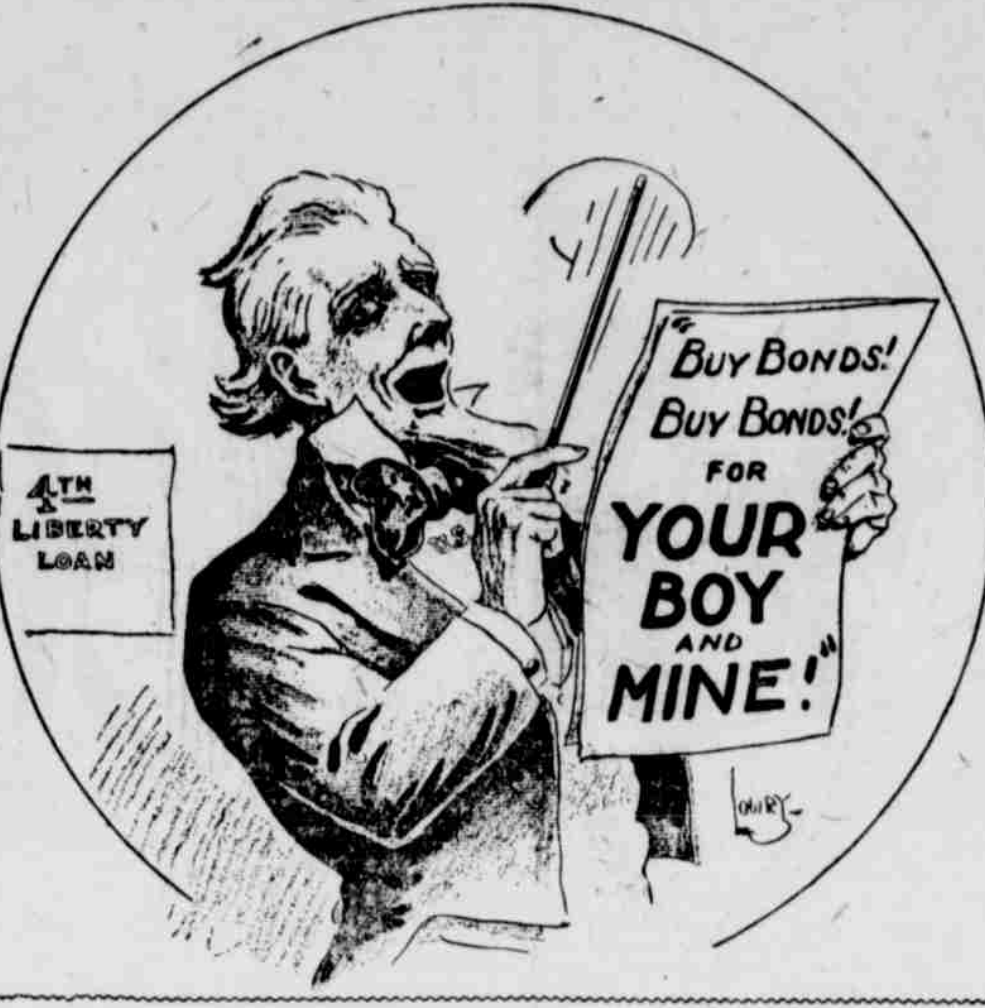
Harry S. Myers, a former Paw Paw boy, and late years of Hillsdale has resigned as Secretary of the Missionary Education Movement and has accepted a call to the Over Seas Department of the War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. His duties began on October 1st. Harry is a son of George W. Myers who was at one time County clerk of this county.

Frank Denner, Game Warden from Kalamazoo passed through Paw Paw the first of the week with several crates of Ring Necked Pheasants which were liberated in Van Buren county. The state is making an effort to get this rare game bird started throughout Michigan, and sportsmen everywhere are urged to assist in their propagation and care.

The Annual Van Buren County Sunday School convention will be held in Bangor on Wednesday and Thursday, October 23 and 24. The local arrangements are in charge of Rev. W. H. Hedges of that city. A splendid program is in preparation and without doubt this will be one of the most interesting and instructive conventions ever held by the Sunday schools of this county. The Bangor people will entertain the delegates.

Considerable excitement was caused the first of the week, not only locally but the country over, by the renewal of "Peace Talk" by Germany and her Allies. Without stopping for consideration, many people were of the opinion that the war was about over. Don't be misled however, by any such proposal as the Kaiser now makes. This is not the first time that he has attempted to poison the minds of America by his attempts at Impossible Peace negotiations. Germany is now fighting with her back to the wall. Allied successes on every battle line must now reveal to the enemy just what the inevitable result must be, and he will resort to every trick, and every scheme possible for the brain of the despicable Hun to concoct in his effort to save something from the wreck that is to come. "Honorable Peace" the arch villain says. There can be no "Honorable Peace" so far as he is concerned. President Wilson voices the sentiment of a united nation when he says to the enemy, "There will be no Truce". Not until the enemy is ready to withdraw all troops from foreign soil, and submit to an "Unconditional Surrender" will there be peace.

## UNCLE SAM: "NOW, ALL TOGETHER!"



Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cavanaugh were Kalamazoo visitors on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Lynn Free was called to Chicago the first of the week by the death of a brother, who was a victim of the Spanish Influenza. He was a soldier in camp there.

There will be a regular Convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, October 14th. There is business of importance and members are all urgently requested to be present.

Roland, Henry Shaefer's oldest son, who has been in the West for several years, is now one of Uncle Sam's men, having been recently called for limited service. He is now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Verne Decker has now fully recovered from an attack of influenza, and can tell just what the feelings and symptoms of this disease are. He lost eighteen pounds during his brief illness.

Rev. Percy Nickless of the Presbyterian church left last Wednesday evening for New Port News, Virginia to report for War Duty. He will be a Director in the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Nickless and baby expect to make Paw Paw their home during the pastor's absence.

Word was received here from Mrs. Emma Andrews Baker of Evanston, Illinois, a former resident of Paw Paw, stating that three of her sons were on the firing line in France, the fourth son at the Great Lakes Training station, and her daughter is a Red Cross Nurse who expects to be sent to France in the Spring.

There is yet plenty of work to be done in Van Buren county for the Fourth Liberty Loan. Some precincts in the county went "Over the Top" the first volunteer day, and a number "Went Over" during the three "Volunteer" Days. Other precincts in the county are lagging, and there is yet much to be done. Some of the school districts in our own township are yet behind their quota. Wake Up! everybody, and get behind this loan to the limit. Don't be misled by the "Poison Gas" peace propaganda of the Kaiser. It was the former liberty loans that enabled the brave American boys to stop the ravages of the Hun at Chateau-Thierry on the Marne, and it is those liberty loans that has enabled those same soldiers to push the enemy back all along the line. Berlin is yet many miles away, and remember that it is this Liberty Loan Money that will keep our fighting heroes continually at the heels of the German hordes until the Stars and Stripes float over the imperial palace in Berlin. Every citizen who can possibly do so, must subscribe to this loan. There are some people, as chairman Cavanaugh said in a recent speech in a neighboring town, that want the neighbor boys to do the fighting and the washer woman to buy the bonds. Everybody must be a patriot in this crisis. If you haven't already loaned your government all the money you can possibly rake and scrape, for God's sake and for the sake of humanity, do it quick. If you have bought a bond, and are able to double your subscription, for the sake of the boys at the front, and for the sake of the babies and children at home, do it, and don't quibble and hesitate. Let the full subscription of six billion dollars go hand in hand with President Wilson's firm and determined answer to the Kaiser's "Poison Peace Note". Let it be the answer of a patriotic liberty loving united nation.

The Soldier's Relief Commission met in Paw Paw last Monday and prepared the following report of their work for the past year to submit to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting next week.

Cash on hand October 1, 1917	\$ 342.62
Received on Tax Roll	1000.00
Paid out during the year	910.00
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918	432.62

Rev. I. P. Bates was re-elected chairman of the commission for the ensuing year. Mr. Bates has been the efficient chairman now for twenty-seven years or during the entire life time of this important organization. The other members are at present James Martin of South Haven and Wm. Bennett of Hartford.

After a lingering illness lasting over a period of several months, Dr. George Jackson passed away at his home in Paw Paw last Monday morning, at the age of seventy years. George Casey was born in Monroe County, New York, on February 22nd, 1848. At the age of four years he was adopted into the family of Chas. Jackson of Oak Orchard, New York, receiving the surname of his foster parents. He enlisted for service in the U. S. army at the age of fifteen, and served nineteen months or until the close of the Civil War. At the age of nineteen he was married to Helen Hoisington, who died a few years later, leaving one daughter who lived to young womanhood. In 1881, he was united in marriage to Gertrude Sherman at Jeddo, New York, and four children were born to them: Mrs. May Baker of Dowagiac, Mrs. Leon L. Douglas of Paw Paw, Miss Nina Jackson of Saline, Michigan, and Miss Gertrude of Paw Paw. He came to Paw Paw with his family about eighteen years ago, after having spent a few years in Illinois, and this village has been his home since that time. In 1881, Dr. Jackson graduated from the college of Physicians and Surgeons in Buffalo, New York and in 1884 from the Bennett Medical College of Chicago. He had been a member of the Masonic Fraternity since he was twenty-one years of age, and for a number of years had been a Knight Templar. He was also a faithful member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. The funeral services were held from the M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon and were conducted by Peninsular Commandery, Knight Templar of Kalamazoo of which he was a member. Rev. Arthur Trott, who assisted in the service paid a fine tribute to the memory of the deceased. He was a man who was appreciated in the community for the good he had done for his fellow man. The night was never too dark and stormy or the road too long for Dr. Jackson, when his services were needed; nor did he ever hesitate by reason of the fact that the sufferer was poor and not able to pay for medical service. He was generous, kind hearted and true blue. A kind and indulgent husband and father, a good neighbor and loyal citizen. He will be missed in the community, and memories of his kind and generous deeds will linger long in the memory of his friends. The beautiful Knight Templar service was most impressively rendered and was probably the finest funeral of a like kind ever held in Paw Paw. The large number of Knight Templars from Kalamazoo, Masons and Odd Fellows of the local lodges, and his old comrades of the G. A. R. who marched to his last resting place in Prospect Cemetery, all gave eloquent testimony to the respect and esteem in which he was held by his fellow man.

Dr. F. A. Racette was in Kalamazoo on Wednesday.

L. B. Gorton was in Dowagiac on business last Saturday.

Nelson Goodrode of Bangor was a Paw Paw visitor on Thursday.

Attorney C. W. Hendryx of Dowagiac was in Paw Paw Tuesday.

Dana P. Smith was in Chicago last week, and volunteered his services as Civil Engineer for war duty.

A card to Mrs. Frank Taylor states that her son Mark Whitcomb has arrived safely at "Some Siberian Post."

Mrs. Neil Leggett and baby of Kalamazoo are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lang.

G. A. Cross of Lawrence was in Paw Paw Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Dr. George Jackson.

Rev. James C. Brown who has been teaching temporarily in the local schools will remain permanently for the year.

The entertainment and dance planned by the Royal Neighbors is postponed until the first meeting in November.

John Searls and family who are occupying the Jones home on Territorial street are preparing to move into the Richmond home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ironsides of Hastings spent several days the first of this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cross.

Miss Beatrice Vickers and friend motored from Chicago last Thursday to spend the day with her sister Mrs. Leland Benwire and family of Gobleville.

Members of the Presbyterian church and their friends held a farewell reception for their pastor, Rev. Percy Nickless last Tuesday evening. It was on the eve of his departure for war service in the Y. M. C. A.

The October term of Circuit Court will convene on Monday, October 21. As usual the jury will not come until the second Monday and the first week will be occupied with the disposition of various motions and chancery cases.

Hugh Rogers Thomas of Camp Custer, whose home is in Ann Arbor, has been detailed to assist the Local Draft Board at Paw Paw with the work in the office. The Government is furnishing one soldier to assist at each Draft Board. These are sent from men who have been called for selective service.

Patrons and pupils of the local schools are pleased with the showing made at the Hartford Fair. The displays were perhaps not as voluminous as some of the others, but the quality of work was excellent. The Intermediate Grades won first prize in their specimens of Art work. The sixth grade won first in the same line of work and the seventh and eighth second prize. The War Posters also won first prize, and the third and fourth grades took first prize in Penmanship. The showing was excellent and reflects credit on pupils and instructors alike. Miss Mae Brumstead is instructor in Art, and Miss Mabel Chaffee in Penmanship.

The local schools are now selling season tickets for the Lecture Course the first number which comes Monday evening, October 28th. The Lillian Johnson company furnish the program for that evening, and the following numbers are as follows:—The Chicago Festival Quintet, December 5th; Edward S. Kindley, humorist-poet-entertainer, January 16th; The Century Lyceum Orchestra, date to be assigned and One High School entertainment date to be assigned. The course is high class, and the enterprise and progressive spirit shown by the schools in bringing such a course to Paw Paw is highly commendable. The instructors and students should and will receive the hearty co-operation of the people of this village and the surrounding country. Buy your season tickets now.

Next Saturday, October 12th, is Liberty Day, so proclaimed by President Wilson. It is the 426th, anniversary of the discovery of America, and the President has requested that every community in the nation celebrate the day. The following classic thoughts are taken from the President's proclamation:—"Every day the great principles for which we are fighting take fresh hold upon our thought and purposes and make it clearer what the end must be and what we must do to achieve it. We now know more certainly than we ever knew before why free men brought the great Nation and Government we love into existence, because it grows clearer and clearer what supreme service it is to be America's privilege to render to the world."

Edward Finley of Hartford was in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Mrs. M. L. Barber and Mrs. H. M. Ayars were Kalamazoo visitors last Wednesday.

Mrs. A. T. Stevenson and daughter Miss Esther, were Kalamazoo visitors last Friday.

The County offices closed Thursday afternoon so all could attend the Fair at Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boomer have received word that their daughter, Miss Georgia Boomer, a Red Cross nurse is now on her way to France.

Prof. and Mrs. Robinson and children and Mrs. Ida Cole of Allegan spent Friday last at the H. A. Cole home.

A. L. Hindenach is in Chicago this week attending the annual convention of the United Drug Company. He will visit his son Douglas at the Great Lakes Training station before returning home.

Mrs. Royal T. Hall returned to her home in Grand Rapids last Friday after several weeks spent at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bertha North.

Earl Bangs has resigned as Assistant Agricultural agent to enter the service of his country. He has enlisted in the Students Training Camp at the M. A. C.

The Board of Supervisors will meet next Monday for the annual October session. It is probable that the accumulated business will require the full two weeks for its completion.

Mr. H. A. Neff of the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago will fill the pulpit in the Presbyterian church next Sunday. All services during the day will be held at the usual hour.

One of the most successful Fairs ever held in Van Buren county came to a close at Hartford last Friday. The weather was ideal, the exhibits good, arrangements first class and all combined to make it a great success.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs which was to have been held in the city of Battle Creek next week has been postponed indefinitely on account of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza at Camp Custer and in the city itself.

Mrs. Delia MacLaren, Mrs. Harry Waters, Mrs. Wm. Killefer, Mrs. Charles Summy, Mrs. F. N. Wakeman, Miss Franc Warner and Miss Ola Killefer were among those from Paw Paw in attendance at the Grand Chapter O. E. S. meeting in Kalamazoo this week.

How would it seem to be transplanted from one state to another and yet remain in the same town? Rev. A. B. Wimmer of Paw Paw, Illinois is expected to speak in the Baptist church next Sunday morning, and in the union services in the Christian church in the evening. The church's school convenes at ten o'clock. Wm. Killefer, Supt. Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Members of the church and congregation are urged to attend.

In the absence of Mrs. F. A. Racette and Mrs. A. Lynn Free the work of the Child's Welfare League will be carried on just the same under the supervision of Mrs. Bennett McKinstry. The Test Cards and other information relative to this work may be obtained of Miss Sadie Busley. All mothers are urgently requested to co-operate in this important work. It is a War Measure, and the slogan is "Save the Babies." If you have not already given this work attention, attend to it now.

We read much about the Heroes of the war, but very little about the Heroines, although there are many whose deeds of bravery, sacrifice and valor equal, if not excel those of the boys at the front. Paw Paw has just such a Heroine as this, modest, capable, loyal Mrs. F. A. Racette. The first of this week this brave woman's attention was called to the need of nurses to care for the thousands of influenza victims. She hesitated but a moment, then said: "I will send my baby to my mother in Muskegon, and I will go and do my duty." She went the next day, and is now at the Base hospital in Camp Custer, risking her life for her country. Who could make a greater sacrifice? So when we praise the brave deeds of our American heroes, let us not forget our American heroines, and that one of the bravest of the brave is our own Mrs. Racette. The need for nurses is greater now than ever in the history of this nation. The Influenza Menace to the boys in Camp is as great if not greater than that which confronts the fighting forces at the front. Are there others in this community who will volunteer as Mrs. Racette has done?